

As an extremely small market broadcaster, I'd like to point out how difficult it would be to record the entire broadcast schedule of two radio stations and archive those recordings for 30 or 60 days. The cost of the equipment is just the tip of the iceberg. The staff time it would take to record the programming and archive those reports, would be time we don't have to help our local cancer society with their relay for life. It would be time taken from our assistance of our local red cross in their blood drive efforts (blood supplies at our local hospitals have been at critical levels for almost a year). It would be time taken from all the local outreach we do, and it is extensive. And most of all, it would be unnecessary. I've been with this station since 1968, and never, in my memory, have we had a single listener demand a recording of our programming because of something we'd said on-the-air, that they wanted to respond to. We, very frankly, never resort to the type of broadcast smut that is commonplace in some of our larger markets. We can't afford to. Our listeners wouldn't stand for it! With only ten people on staff, we're stretched about as thin as we can afford to be. Our staff level must stay at that level, however..in order for us to stay in business. We should not be made to pay for the sins of others larger, and more affluent than us.

Thank you for listening.